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Dear Friend:

On September 29, 2001,The Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund awarded seven $1000 scholarships to a group of exemplary women. Since 1997, we have celebrated the achievements of these remarkable scholars by awarding twenty-two $1000 scholarships. As you know, the Fund honors and supports outstanding African-American (out) lesbians who attend accredited post secondary institutions in the states of Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Arkansas, Texas, Virginia and Kentucky. It is the only scholarship fund for African-American lesbians in the country and is surviving and staying strong because of your sustenance and generosity

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Your on-going support of ZAMI signals your willingness to do **"the hard work and scrutiny of now"** so necessary for us to transform our futures.

On behalf of our board and 2001 Audre Lorde Scholars, we want to thank you for your past contributions and hope that you will consider giving the gift of education this holiday season. We know that you gave generously last year. Please consider increasing your contribution.

In community spirit,

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